PATENT APPLICATION Docket No.: 3551,1004-000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

George E Barringer, Jr., Stephen C. Phillips and Mark J. Phillips

Application No.:

10/600,177

Group:

2108

Filed:

736192_1 MBS/dab

June 20, 2003

Examiner:

Not Assigned

Confirmation No.:

9752

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING AN AUTOMATED

BIOMOLECULAR PREPARATION SYSTEM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on:

Date 5, 200 /

Signatu

Patricia H. Blanch

Typed or printed name of person signing certificate

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a formal status inquiry for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants were informed on June 10, 2007 in response to a Status Inquiry filed on January 20, 2006, that an Office Action was estimated to be received in 3 months time. Applicant respectfully requests notification from the Patent Office of the status of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

Mark B. Solomon

Registration No.: 44,348

Tel.: (978) 341-0036 Fax: (978) 341-0136

Concord, Massachusetts 01742-9133

Date: 7/5/07